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Application No.: 10/696,862
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Examiner: Venkataraman Balasubramanian
Group Art Unit: 1624
Applicants: Jingrong Cao et al.
For: COMPOSITIONS USEFUL AS INHIBITORS OF ROCK AND
OTHER PROTEIN KINASES

November 20, 2006
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO ADVISORY ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the November 7, 2006 Advisory Action in the above-identified application, notifying applicants that the previous reply to the July 19, 2006 Final Office Action failed to place the application in condition for allowance. The period for reply to the Final Office Action was October 19, 2006. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a petition for a one-month extension of time up to, and including, November 19, 2006, which fell on a Sunday. The next succeeding business day is November 20, 2006. Consequently, this reply is timely submitted.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 2 of this Reply.

Remarks begin at page 65 of this Reply.